

HOUSE BILL 568  
By Pruitt

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 29, Chapter 13, Part 1, relative to criminal injury compensation fund.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 29, Chapter 13, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

Section 29-13-120.

(a) By February 1 of each year, the treasurer shall file with the clerk of each house of the general assembly a report detailing the activities of the criminal injuries compensation fund over the previous year. Such report shall include, but shall not be limited to, the following information:

- (1) The amount of money available for distribution to victims in the fund at the beginning of the year;
- (2) The amount of money available for distribution to victims remaining in the fund at the end of the year;
- (3) The number of compensation claims filed during the year;
- (4) The number of claims acted upon during the year;
- (5) The number of claims granted during the year;

(6) The number of claims denied during the year;  
(7) The reasons why the claims were denied;  
(8) The offenses for which compensation claims were granted;  
(9) The items for which compensation was granted;  
(10) The average amount awarded to each successful claimant;  
(11) The average amount of each successful claimant's claim;  
(12) The average amount requested by those whose claims were denied;

(13) The amount of difference and reasons why victims of the same crime may have been awarded different amounts as compensation;  
and

(14) The average length of time it takes to act upon a claim from the date of filing until the date approved or denied.

(b) If any of the information required by subsection (a) cannot be determined or cannot be determined for the year in question, the report shall so state and shall detail the reason why it could not be included.

(c) Each report shall also include the recommendations of the treasurer as to what specific types of awards could be raised while still maintaining the integrity and soundness of the fund.

(d) The first report shall be due on February 1, 2004, and shall include the years 2002 and 2003.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on July 1, 2003, the public welfare requiring it.